

**CITY OF SUNNYVALE**  
**City Council Study Session**  
**Summary**

**Study Session on**  
**October 16, 2012**

**Overview of SB 375, Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and**  
**Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Process**

The City Council met in study session in the West Conference Room at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Avenue in Sunnyvale, California, on October 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., with Vice-Mayor David Whittum presiding.

**City Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Anthony Spitaleri  
Vice Mayor David Whittum  
Chris Moylan  
Jim Griffith  
Patrick Meyering  
Tara Martin-Milius  
Jim Davis

**City Councilmembers Absent:**

None

**City Staff Present:**

Gary Luebbbers, City Manager  
Robert Walker, Assistant City Manager  
Hanson Hom, Director of Community Development  
Kent Steffens, Director of Public Works  
Trudi Ryan, Planning Officer  
Suzanne Isé, Housing Officer

**Others Present:**

Sailaja Kurella, ABAG  
12 others

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.

**Study Session Summary:**

Director Hom introduced the topic of the study session and gave a brief slide presentation to provide an overview of the new state law, SB 375, which links transportation planning and funding more closely to land use planning and

housing element compliance. Housing Officer Isé presented several of the slides on the RHNA process. Hanson also introduced the ABAG staff person in attendance, Sailaja Kurella, who was available to answer ABAG-related questions.

Council asked questions and commented on the subject, and received responses from ABAG and City staff. Discussion focused on to what extent local employment figures, PDA's, land and water availability, transit access, commute sheds, and similar factors affect the RHNA developed by ABAG. ABAG and City staff responded to technical questions. Council also asked questions about the ramifications of not complying with housing element law. Staff responded and gave examples of worst-case scenarios where extreme cases of non-compliance have resulted in lawsuits filed by the state Attorney General and advocacy groups.

**Adjournment:** 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudi Ryan  
Planning Officer